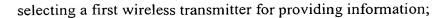


- 1. A method for receiving at a mobile terminal a service signal formatted as a series of transmission bursts, the service signal provided by each of a plurality of wireless transmitters, said method comprising the steps of:
 - receiving a first service signal broadcast by a first wireless transmitter at a first frequency;
 - if said first service signal meets a first predefined criterion, deriving signal data from a second service signal broadcast by a second wireless transmitter; and
 - if said signal data from said second wireless transmitter meets a second predefined criterion, switching reception from said first wireless transmitter to said second wireless transmitter after a first service signal transmission burst has been received.
- 2. A method as in claim 1 wherein said first service signal broadcast by said first wireless transmitter is synchronized with said second service signal broadcast by said second wireless transmitter.
- 3. A method as in claim 1 further comprising the step of stripping encapsulation from said first service signal after receipt by the mobile terminal.
- 4. A method as in claim 3 wherein said encapsulation conforms to standard EN 301192.
- 5. A method as in claim 3 further comprising the step of sending said first service signal to an application processor for conversion to a data packet.
- 6. A method as in claim 1 wherein said first criterion is met if a receiver signal strength value for said first service signal measured by the mobile terminal is less than a predetermined value.

- 7. A method as in claim 1 wherein said first criterion is met if a bit error rate for said first service signal measured by the mobile terminal is greater than a predetermined value.
- 8. A method as in claim 1 wherein said second criterion is met if a bit error rate for said second service signal measured by the mobile terminal is smaller than a predetermined value.
- 9. A mobile terminal suitable for receiving information from a plurality of wireless transmitters, said mobile terminal comprising:
 - a digital broadcast receiver for receiving at least a first portion of the information as a first transmission burst, said first transmission burst broadcast by a first wireless transmitter;
 - a receiver elastic buffer for storing said first transmission burst; and
 - means for switching reception from the first wireless transmitter to a second wireless transmitter after reception of said first transmission burst has been completed.
- 10. The mobile terminal as in claim 9 further comprising means for deriving a bit error rate for said first transmission burst.
- 11. The mobile terminal as in claim 9 further comprising means for deriving a received signal strength indicator value for said first transmission burst.
- 12. The mobile terminal as in claim 9 wherein said means for switching is operative in response to said second wireless transmitter providing to said mobile terminal a signal meeting a predefined criterion.
- 13. The mobile terminal as in claim 9 further comprising an application processor for converting said first transmission burst into an information data stream.
- 14. The mobile terminal as in claim 9 further comprising a stream filter for stripping transmission encapsulation from said transmission burst stored in said receiver elastic buffer.

- 15. The mobile terminal as in claim 9 wherein said stream filter comprises an Internet protocol (IP) filter.
- 16. A digital broadcasting system comprising:
 - a first transmitter for broadcasting at least an interval of information as a transmission burst in synchronization with at least one other transmitter; and
 - a receiver system for receiving said transmission burst, said receiver including a receiver elastic buffer for buffering said transmission burst, said receiver further including means for executing a hand-over from said first transmitter to said at least one other transmitter upon receipt of said transmission burst if at least one predefined criterion has been met.
- 17. The digital broadcasting system as in claim 16 wherein said first transmitter comprises a multi-protocol encapsulator for encapsulating said transmission burst.
- 18. The digital broadcasting system as in claim 16 wherein said at least one predefined criterion is met if a receiver signal strength value for said transmission burst as measured by said receiver system is less than a predetermined value.
- 19. The digital broadcasting system as in claim 16 wherein said at least one predefined criterion is met if a bit error rate for said transmission burst as measured by the mobile terminal is greater than a predetermined value.
- 20. The digital broadcasting system as in claim 16 wherein said at least one predefined criterion is met if a bit error rate for a signal received from said at least one other transmitter as measured by the mobile terminal is smaller than a predetermined value.
- 21. A method for receiving a series of service signals provided by each of a plurality of wireless transmitters, said method comprising the steps of:
 - receiving service signals broadcast by a plurality of wireless transmitters, each said wireless transmitter broadcasting on a different frequency;



- deriving a first bit error rate for information received from said first wireless transmitter;
- if said first bit error rate for said first wireless transmitter is greater than a predefined quasi-error-free value, deriving a second bit-error-rate for a second wireless transmitter; and
- if said second bit-error rate is less than said quasi-error-free value, selecting said second wireless transmitter for providing reception.
- 22. The method as in claim 21 wherein said step of selecting said second wireless transmitter for providing reception is performed after completing receipt of a service signal transmission burst from said first wireless transmitter.
- 23. The method as in claim 21 wherein said second wireless transmitter is selected from a plurality of transmitters as a function of received signal strength indicator value.